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SUBJECT: DRY WEATHER MAY AFFECT CZECHOSLOVAK GRAIN CROP

1. WHILE OFFICIALS STILL HOPE CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S GRAIN HARVEST THIS YEAR WILL RECOVER TO THE 10.26 MILLION TONS CURRENT DRY SPELLS THREATEN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL.

2. REPORTS FROM SLOVAKIA (EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY) WHERE HARVEST IS JUST ABOUT TO BEGIN INDICATE THAT THE CURRENT DRY SPELL CAUSING WIDESPREAD EARLY MATURITY OF GRAIN. THIS MAY CAUSE LARGER THAN USUAL HARVEST LOSSES. THE REGION NORMALLY PRODUCES ONE-THIRD OF THE NATION'S GRAIN CROP AND HARVEST IS USUALLY ABOUT ONE MONTH AHEAD OF THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. PLANS THIS YEAR CALLED FOR A

HARVEST OF 935,000 HECTARES WITH A GOAL OF 3.56 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN.

3. DRY WEATHER CONTINUES TO PREVAIL IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY TOO (CZECH LAND). HOWEVER BECAUSE HARVEST IN THAT REGION IS STILL SEVERAL WEEKS AWAY, THE EFFECT OF THE CURRENT DRY SPELL ON HARVEST RESULTS CANNOT BE ESTIMATED AS YET. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE WESTERN REGION ALSO SUFFERED FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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DRY WEATHER DURING THE SPRING. BUCHANAN

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